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PHOTO NEWS RELEASE:

Verchio takes command of the 139th BSB

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Verchio, Hill City, S.D., took command of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony Saturday, Oct. 4, at the local armory in Brookings.

Verchio took over the responsibilities from former commander Lt. Col. Thomas Croymans, Aberdeen, S.D., who served in the command position since the unit reorganized in June of 2007.

The 139th Brigade Support Battalion is comprised of about 560 Soldiers that make up five units located in eight communities across the state.

Photo Cut Lines:



081004-A-8551W-0061: BROOKINGS, S.D. – Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Verchio, Hill City, S.D., sits with Lt. Col. Thomas Croymans (right), Aberdeen, S.D., as they oversee preparations of a change of command ceremony for the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard. Verchio took command of the unit during a ceremony held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the local armory in Brookings. Verchio took over the responsibilities from former commander, Croymans, who served in the command position since the unit reorganized in June of 2007. (National Guard photo by Maj. Orson Ward)(RELEASED)

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081004-A-8551W-0067: BROOKINGS, S.D. – Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Verchio, Hill City, S.D., officially takes command of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, by symbolically passing the unit's colors to 1st Sgt. James Hoekman, Brandon, S.D., during a change of command ceremony Saturday, Oct. 4, at the local armory in Brookings. Verchio took over the responsibilities from former commander Lt. Col. Thomas Croymans, Aberdeen, S.D., who served in the command position since the unit reorganized in June of 2007. (National Guard photo by Maj. Orson Ward)(RELEASED)

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